which connects the state capitals of West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when this will be effected; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to limited availability of such coaches.

Buffer stock of foodgrains

562. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(2) whether it is a fact that there had been a record procurement of foodgrains for buffer stock during the current years ;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether the same is likely to replenish the depleted stock of foodgrains in the godowns of Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) A quantity of 99.55 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured during the current kharif marketing season 1989-90 upto 12-3-1990 which is an all time record. A quantity of 90.04 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured during the current rabi mrketing season upto 12-3-1990.

(b) A statement is attached (*See* below)

(c) As on 1-2-1990, the stocks of foodgrains (rice and wheat) in the Central Pool amounted to 116.7 lakh tonnes as against 83.4 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

Statement

Procurement of rice and wheat during 1989-90 (*Marketing Season*)

('000 tonnes)

States/UT	Rice (as on 12-3-90)	Wheat
Andhra Pradesh	1371	..
Assam	5	..
Gujarat	15	..
Haryana	940	1973
Jammu & Kashmir	5	Neg
Karnataka	125	..
Madhya Pradesh	304	..
Maharashtra	Neg	..
Orissa	151	..
Punjab	4723	5602
Rajasthan	31	106
Tamil Nadu	697	..
Uttar Pradesh	1421	1323
West Bengal	64	..
Chandigarh	26	..
Delhi	4	..
Pondicherry	3	..
	9955	9004

Buffer stock position of Food Corporation of India

563. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the current levels of buffer stock available with Food Corporation of India

(b) the levels of buffer stocks available during the last three years; and

(c) whether the buffer stocks is sufficient to meet the requirement of public distribution system until the next procurement season?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The current level of total stocks Operational and Buffer of foodgrains (wheat, rice and coarsegrains) with Food Corporation of India together with stocks available during the las

three years as on 1st February are given below:—

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Date	Food-grains
1-2-1987	215·60
1-2-1988	123·07
1-2-1989	83·44
1-2-1990	116 71

(c) Yes, Sir.

Jobs to widows in Government of India Press

564. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in Times of India dated 7-9-89 under the caption 'Directives to give job to widows' regarding directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court stating that there should be no delay in providing employment to a members of family which has lost breed-winner;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has also directed that if there was no suitable job, Government should create a 'Supernumerary' post to absorb such family members;

(c) if so, whether the directions of the Supreme Court are being implemented in the Govt. of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi where dependents of those deceased employees who expired during the last three years (1-1-1987 to 31-12-1989) have not been provided with suitable jobs in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURA SOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(b) The applicability of the Supreme Courts judgement to the Government of India Press is being examined.

Number of SC/ST employees in Railways

565. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleasd to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees category-wise, together with the number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled tribes and their percentage as on the 1st January, 1990;

(b) how many vacancies are reserved under each category during the last three years in the Railways; and

(c) what action Government propose to fill up the backlog in each category?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Number of daily wage employees in the Railways

566. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of daily wage temporary workers, working in Railways;

(b) whether there is any proposal of regularising their services; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?